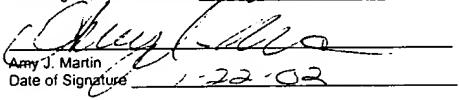


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Pursuant to the "Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" dated January 7, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 7, 2002, applicants respectfully submit the following:

AMENDMENTS

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Please delete the Sequence Listing beginning on a new page after the Abstract and insert in place thereof the enclosed Sequence Listing.

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Please find enclosed a substitute Sequence Listing in computer readable form. A substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing is also enclosed. The substitute computer readable form and paper copy do not introduce any new matter. Support for the amended Sequence Listing can be found in the original Sequence Listing as filed and throughout the specification and figures.